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Dear Paul, 11/25/77

With the Army we are on the same beam, carrying the same point (Army lingo if you missed the Army), in accord. What interests you interests me most of all too, getting all possible records out. You will find that the question of the Army's records is the focus of the Anderson column, the one that went out today. They have a time spread of 5 or more days. It is restricted to what I'd been sitting on until I had proof of the locating of some of the files. The Army told me it has none. Said it repeatedly.

Anderson probably still believes that it was all a red plot by Castro. He also would probably be unwilling to consider that he was used by officialdom in launching that line. I don't know. I've never spoken to him.

Les, on the other hand, is a friend. He does not look into the facts and probably never will. He assumes it was a lone assassin and we do not argue. He is a good person, an honorable man and a conscientious reporter. There are some assassination stories he can see and without difficulty comprehend. If they meet the column's standards, which are not the same as yours and mine, he will use them. As you have seen and will see, he does. He phoned this morning to read what he had written and to tell me about his efforts to check things out with the military, Army and DoD. He was to be called back. What he had then written is short, accorate and comprehensible. Between his calls to the officials and the item, when it appears, there will be asm much pressure as we can hope for directed at locating those files, officially non-existent from my FOIA responses. It is a means of by]assing the operating level and reaching the policy level if accurate, as it is. There will be a reaction, whether or not we see or hear of it.

My life has grown more complicated for a while and for that while giving me even less time. However, I would like to press on this, to apply more pressure for the production of the missing military files. He will go for the early knowledge of the Hidell alias story. However, what you sent is not complete on this. While he will take my word, that your memo is accurate, it would be better if he had the actual records. You did not send the dating records, the one that show the time of the call to FBI from Army Intelligence. I'll reread what you sent when I next use the exercycle. I read it and the documents and the Archives correspondence (again what can be of use to Jim in included and I'll give him copies) while I was waiting for my weekly blood test and while we were waiting for certainty that I did not continue bleeding afterward.

I believe you have a very significant point in the Army's early knowledge of the Oswald-Hidell alias prior to any known record of the FBI's knowing of it. This can make a good followup for Les. It also gives him the content of some of the missing Army files.

I've delayed....Sorry, you did include the dating record. Just noticed it.

I delayed reading your notes on the numbering system until I can concentrate.

The above confusion represents the actual state. There is too much. I read the LHM in too great haste. What you sent is more than enough because again the angle is, after the item, what happened to the records, they did, too, have records, and this is some of what those records held.

I'll get back to the other matters. I want to get this in the mail via a friend who is here. Our mail is gone until Friday a.m. You should have this then or Saturday. You will thus know approximately what will soon appear and how the followup will go.

The column can use simple items like this and their use can help produce more records. I have no other interest. If I did I'd use what I tell you and want you not to mention, that I'm now an official DJ consultant, hired involuntarily in the switch of switches, as the DJ expert in the suit I have filed against it! It is going to require much work atop all that was stacked and I must get to it. Thanks and best wishes,